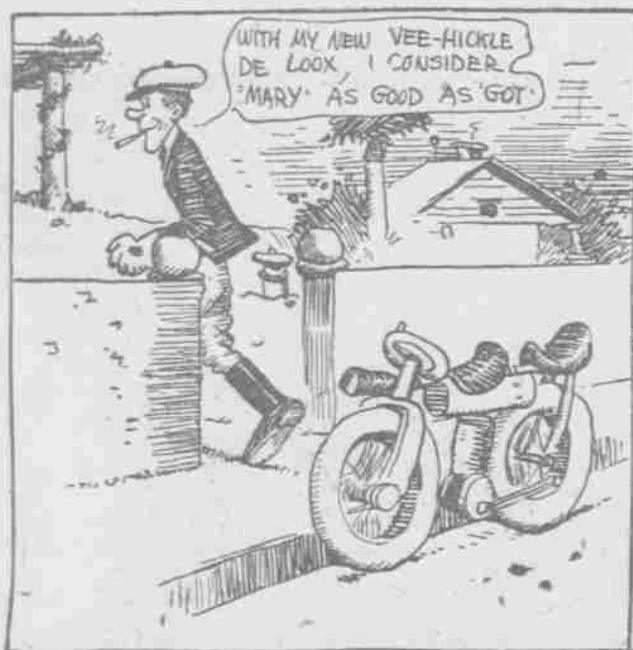


## The Dingbat Family



## LOS ANGELES HURTS AUTO TRAVEL, IN BOOSTING AN IMPASSABLE ROAD

Paper of That City Admits the Road Is Impossible For Automobilists, Yet, Becaus of Jealousy of San Diego, Los Angeles Automobilists Refuse to Direct Travel Over Borderland Route.

HOW Los Angeles is hurting trans-continental automobile travel by boosting the winter snowbound route across northern Arizona by way of Needles, is told in the Los Angeles Times of last Sunday. Yet, the Automobile club of Southern California, at every opportunity, boosts that route as against the sunny Borderland route, open and passable all the winter. The Los Angeles automobilists ran their race to Phoenix over that route this year and the Los Angeles club is putting up money to help sign the route through to the east in face of the known advantages of the Borderland route through southern New Mexico, El Paso and Arizona.

The only object on the part of Los Angeles so far as an outsider can see, is its selfishness in the matter. The Borderland takes the traveler from the east first in San Diego instead of Los Angeles and for this reason, Los Angeles has always taken a knock at any mention of the Borderland. In most things, the Los Angeles people are broad minded, but in this matter of automobile routes they are small and selfish in the extreme, and, in the end are hurting the very traffic they are seeking to boost.

**Los Angeles Admits Failure.**  
The Los Angeles Times of last Sunday, referring to this matter, said: "Resembling a motor car only in general appearance, but having no visible features that distinguish its make, a 1912 touring car arrived in Los Angeles this week with a party of four Texans, who probably will be the last to make the run overland through Arizona this winter."

"Note the declaration that this party will probably be the last to enter Los Angeles over the route this winter. Tourists will be going over the Borderland all winter; in fact the best traveling over the Borderland is in winter. The road is never blocked by snow, seldom out of commission as a result of rain, the temperature is never uncomfortable and traveling is possible all the time. In face of this and the admission that the northern Arizona-Needles route is impassable, it is a safe bet that no automobilist will be directed out of Los Angeles over the Borderland or urged to come from the east over this route."

**An Impassable Trip.**  
Continuing, the Los Angeles paper says:

"B. L. Hayward, C. N. Thompson, B. K. Barrett and W. L. Durant made up the party. They are all citizens of Houston, Tex. They came to southern California for a month's outing, but, as it took them almost three weeks to get out here, they probably will remain longer."

"Mud encrusted the car. One fender was bent, a hub cap knocked entirely off, a leaf in a rear spring cracked across, and a puncture in the radiator, but the motor hummed away."

"According to the stories told by the party, it is doubtful if there will be another car over the National Old Route Trail between Needles and

## FAST TIME IN SAN DIEGO RACE

Tryouts of Cars for Today's Race Brought Good Results; the Entrants

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 9.—In a pandemonium of speed and thrills accompanied by the roar of motors and plaudits of big crowds, practice trials for the exposition road race, which is being run today, have been in progress for more than a week.

Practice had not been under way long before a keen rivalry sprang up between Jack Callaghan and Arthur Klein. Callaghan took his Duesenberg racer over the course at a 65 mile an hour average. This was a record for Klein and he went out in his King and turned a lap at a speed of 67 miles.

Then Callaghan came back and jumped his speed over the 76 mark.

While Callaghan and Klein were fighting for pre-race attention other drivers were mastering the contour-nested roads of the course. There is a purse of \$10,000 at the end of the race of 202.83 miles, but to get some part of this the speed demons knew they must be well acquainted with the course and that their cars must have the speed.

**Official Entry List.**

The official entry list was as follows:  
CARL ..... Barney Oldfield  
Tahis ..... Jack Gable  
Duesenberg ..... Tom Allen  
Duesenberg ..... Eddie O'Donnell  
Duesenberg ..... Jack Callaghan  
Maxwell ..... Billy Carlson  
Stutz ..... Earl Cooper  
Peugeot ..... Eddie Hickenbacher  
Peugeot ..... Fred McCarthy  
Marmen ..... A. A. Caldwell  
Gordon Special ..... Huntley Gordon  
King ..... Arthur Klein  
Marmen ..... Gaston Morris  
Mercer ..... Louis Nikrent  
Mercer ..... Guy Ruckstall  
Schacht ..... A. T. Dickey  
Ono ..... Jack Welch

**A Notably Fast Car.**

The return to the speed game of one of the fastest cars in the country was noticed in the entry of the Ono car and the nomination of Jack Welch to drive it. The Ono undoubtedly is one of the fastest cars ever built and no driver had ever dared to kick its throttle wide open, so great is its speed.

This car, which made the fifteenth entry, carries the colors of Charles W. Oetting, a well known southern California sportsman, who purchased the

fleet machine especially for the exposition race.

Welch is one of the veterans of auto racing. Several years ago he teamed with Herb Lytle in driving Pope-Toledo cars, the pair being known as "the Gold Dust Twins."

**Electric Timing Device.**  
Giving the race a distinctive feature is the use of the Warner-electrical timing device. This instrument is the one which has been in use at the Indianapolis speedway where it has recorded the fastest cars in the world in the famous 500 mile events. It is in charge of

C. H. Warner, its inventor. Fred J. Wagoner, veteran starter, handled the flag for the race and the presence of such expert officials as Warner and Wagoner gives the event an unusual standing.

Six San Diego girls were employed in recording the laps of the cars and other race data. Stop watches were used in catching the time, so that with the cheeks to be employed there was little chance for errors being made.

Some of the important facts of the race follow:  
Distance—202.83 miles on the Point

Loma course which measures 5.982 miles, 51 laps to the race.

Price List—Total prize list is \$10,000, divided as follows: First, \$5,000; second, \$2,500; third, \$1,250; fourth, \$750; and fifth, \$500. \$2,500 additional will be awarded to any car establishing a new world's record for not less than 300 miles.

**Course.**—Within the corporate limits of San Diego. Complicated contour-nested boulevards with a straightaway of two miles. Course built of disintegrated granite.

Promoters—Al Bahr Temple, Nobles of the Mystic shrine, San Diego.

## MICHIGAN FIGURES SHOW STEADY GAIN

Secretary of state Martindale has compiled figures showing the growth in the number of motor cars in Michigan since 1909. In 1914 nearly seven times as many licenses were issued by the state as in 1909. Following are the figures: 1909, 11,715; 1910, 18,000; 1911, 27,706; 1912, 39,679; 1913, 54,586; 1914 (to December 6), 75,622.



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